Lovely Strange Dark

ULTRABAROQUE DEPROGRAMMER

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CHAPTER 7

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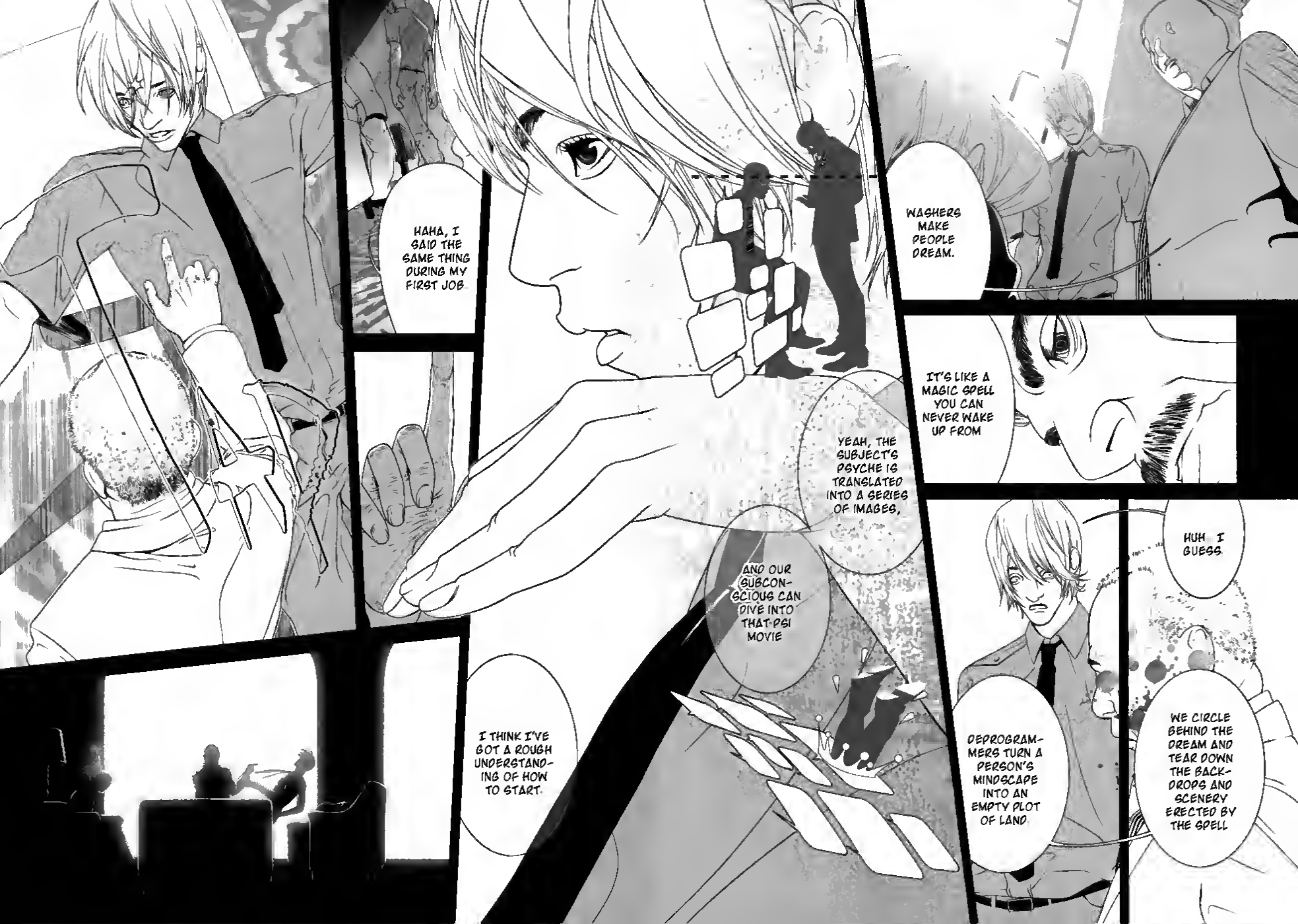
my first job wos to ossist a senior deprogrom-mer who'd troined with my moster.
After I wos recruited from the woshers to be o depro-grommer,
He wos obout fifty yeors old, and if I remember right, his name wos Totehora.
My memories of thot guy ore full of holes, like they've been burnt by cigorette butts.
THAT'S GOING TOO FAR I STILL HAVEN'T HAD ANY TRAINING AS A DEPRO-GRAMMER
THE ONE THEY CALL THE NEXT TAKAZAWA? I HEAR YOUR SKILLS AS A WASHER ARE WORLD-CLASS
SO YOU'RE THE MASTER'S PROTEGE?

HUH?
WHAT'S A TRI-CUT?
HOW'S YOUR TRI-CUT?
ALRIGHT, THEN TODAY YOU'LL LEARN BY OBSERVATION
IT'LL PROBABLY BE ROUGH ON YOU, THOUGH.
There were dark rumors swirling about his time in the military.
The job that day was to deprogram a congressman from some country or another.
He was handcuffed.
I wasn't told who had requested the job.
Maybe it was an unofficial request from the police there, or even from a political opponent.


HAHA, I SAID THE SAME THING DURING MY FIRST JOB.
I THINK I'VE GOT A ROUGH UNDERSTANDING OF HOW TO START.
YEAH, THE SUBJECT'S PSYCHE IS TRANSLATED INTO A SERIES OF IMAGES,
AND OUR SUBCONSCIOUS CAN DIVE INTO THAT PSI MOVIE
WASHERS MAKE PEOPLE DREAM.
IT'S LIKE A MAGIC SPELL YOU CAN NEVER WAKE UP FROM
HUH I GUESS
DEPROGRAMMERS TURN A PERSON'S MINDSCAPE INTO AN EMPTY PLOT OF LAND.
WE CIRCLE BEHIND THE DREAM AND TEAR DOWN THE BACKDROPS AND SCENERY ERECTED BY THE SPELL

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WHERE... AM I...?
...HUH...?
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP

...THAT'S RIGHT, TATEHARA!
TATE-HARA!
NO WAY, DID HE TOSS ME INTO THE CONGRESSMAN'S PSI MOVIE WITH THAT LITTLE PUSH?
WOW. HE'S REALLY GOOD.
Rustle
Stamp Stamp Stamp
Stamp Stamp
Slice

FOR REAL!? WHAT'RE THEY SHOOTING FOR? IS THIS A WAR ZONE!?
Slice
Slice
Slice
AND WAIT, AREN'T I JUST HERE TO ASSIST!?
Splash
Splash
PLEASE GIVE ME A HAND HERE!!
TATE-HARA! WHERE ARE YOU!?
Gulp

?.?
TUG
WHAT?
TUG
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WHAT'S A TRI-CUT?
HOW'S YOUR TRI-CUT?
I REMEMBER NOW. THAT JERK...

NO ONE SHOULD BE ATTACKING THE PLACE TODAY
I WAS LISTENING TO THE SAIGON TRUST AND UGLY RAINBOW'S COMMUNICATIONS.

...HEY,
TELL ME, WHAT'RE YOU GOING TO LET THAT DEPRO-GRAMMER DO TO YOU?

I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD.
YOU AREN'T ACTUALLY GOING TO LET HIM DEPROGRAM YOU ——
SORA
OUR NEW INFRARED SENSORS CAME IN
CAN YOU PICK THEM UP FOR ME? THEY'RE AT THE USUAL STORE.
Pout
WHAT
IS THIS?

Click
Click
Click
Click
SWARM
SWARM
Um
Splsh

Splash
Splash
Splash
Splash
uuuu

NOW THERE ARE MORE OF THEM!?
SHIT, MY POPULARITY'S STARTING TO IRRITATE ME!
Pop
Stomp
Stomp

EEEEEEEEAAHH!
SLAM
SPLASH
SPLASH

BU AHH HH!
C'MON, GIMMIE YOUR SHOE.
COUGH COUGH
KUMP

PING
Aaa
Aaa
Aaa
Fwoosh
Splash
SWISH
SWISH
SWISH

CRASH
CREAK CREAK
I WAS LOOKING FOR YOU. YOU HURT?

WH-WHO'RE YOU? I OWE YOU FOR SAVING ME BACK THERE——
NO, NO, IT'S ME.
TATEHARA.

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